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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I won't be able to speak again on Senator Beutler's amendment, but I'm going to have a lot to say on this bill. I want Senator Matzke to be thinking about why they exclude restaurants from coverage when in some small towns that may be the only viable business that can work, maybe the only one, but it specifically is excluded under this bill, and I wonder how many of my colleagues who are jumping on this bill to support it know that. If a gun manufacturer comes there, the gunmaker can get money under this bill, but the restaurateur cannot. They are specifically included, excluded, not the gunmakers though.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. There will be an Executive Session of Natural Resources at ten o'clock in Room 2022. Enrollment and...I'm sorry, Enrollment and Review reports LB 973 to Select File, Mr. President. Urban Affairs Committee reports LB 370, LB 371, LB 428, LB 1371 as indefinitely postponed. Education reports LB 1324 to General File. And, Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein, an amendment to LB 572 to be printed in the Journal. That's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 1232-1234.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Further debate on the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments to LB 936. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of the Beutler amendment and the committee amendments and the bill, although I have a few questions left on it. But to me, this is a matter of fairness. Years ago, before I came into this Legislature, we enacted some economic development legislation, LB 775 and others, and, frankly, it...really the benefits have really accrued to the eastern part of the state with some of those policies that we did enact. And I think that we've tried to do some things in some of the rural areas over the years, but this...this one has a lot of attraction for me, and, Senator Bourne, I grew up in